

Sunday, May 24, 2009

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

The Music

Prelude

Opening Hymn: *Hail Thee Festival Day* #216 verses 1,3,5

Gradual Hymn: *See The Conqueror Mounts In Triumph* #215

Presentation of Offerings: *Doxology* #380 vs.3

Communion

Post Communion Hymn: *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* (Pew Rack) verses 1,2, refrain, 3

Closing Hymn: *Crown Him With Many Crowns* #494

Postlude

The Lectionary

The Collect of the Day

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

The Lessons (*The people sit.*)

The First Reading: *Acts 1:15-17, 21-26*

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus-- for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us-- one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm: *Psalm 1 Beatus vir qui non abiit*

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS will begin on June 1. The Office will be open on Tuesdays from 9am - 2pm and Thursdays from 6pm - 8pm. Other office hours will be available by appointment. If you need to contact Jennifer (outside of the scheduled hours) please email her at princeofpeace@epix.net or call 675-9528.

WITH OUR PRAYERS AND BEST WISHES Matthew Goeringer will be leaving very soon to serve in our Armed Forces. We are very proud of Matt and ask that you remember him in your prayers as he embarks on this new journey.

PRE-GENERAL CONVENTION MEETING This is an opportunity to meet with diocesan deputation and hear about the issues that will be before general Convention in July. All are welcome. May 27th at 7 PM at Epiphany, Clark's Summit.

CHURCH MANNERS Please remember that before the service you are asked to quietly gather in the Sanctuary for a time of silent prayer and to enjoy the music that is provided. It is difficult for those in the Sanctuary to pray when those in the Parish Hall are having loud conversations. Also please remember to silence your cell phone and/or pagers before you enter the Sanctuary.

Before the service,
speak to God;

During the service,
let God speak to you;

After the service,
speak to one another.

MINISTERS

Celebrant / Preacher	The Reverend John Major
Organist	Bernard Gardzalla
Lector / Intercessor	Dave Dillon
Eucharistic Minister	Chris Sutton
Acolytes	TBA
Ushers / Oblationers	Jill Stretanski, Carl Goeringer
Altar Guild	Beverly Cushner, Barbara Wentz
Vestry Counter	George Gwilliam

nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,*
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

The Second Reading: 1 John 5:9-13

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL: *John 17:6-19* (Stand & Face the Gospel)

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Looking up to heaven, Jesus prayed, "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Announcements

WELCOME We are pleased you have come to worship with us today. If you have any questions about our service, please feel free to speak to an Usher or someone seated near you.

REFLECTION ON TODAY'S READING Today's first lesson talks about the naming of a new apostle to replace Judas (much in the news today). They name two men who "*went in and out among us*", and asked God, who knows all hearts, to assist them in their choice. Suppose you were in that situation today. What in your heart would tell God about your love and giving and service to Him?

PENTECOST & YOUTH SUNDAY—MAY 31 Next Sunday we will be celebrating Pentecost, Youth Sunday AND welcoming two new members to the church. Please do your best to be here and remember to wear red in honor of Pentecost! The Youth will host a reception following the service

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN The ECW meet on the third Wednesday of each month. All women of the Parish are invited.

PRAYER LIST Please remember to keep those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit in your prayers this week, especially: *Bishop Paul, Heather, Jack, Henry, Sarah, Matt, Debbie, Hennie, Andrea, Brian, Hans, Karen, Len, Father Jim, Grace, Lee, David, Maryann, Dan, Joseph, Rowan Elise and the Frederick Family, Linda, Sandy, Specialist Robert Price & SPF Sean Cappellini-Boyle.*

UNITED THANK OFFERING INGATHERING We will gratefully accept your UTO donations through the end of May. The United Thank Offering is a program of The Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole Church, founded by and administered by women since 1889. UTO is entrusted to promote thank offerings, to receive the offerings, and to distribute the United Thank Offering monies through grants. The Committee awards and administers these grants within the framework of the policies and procedures of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society (DFMS) of The Episcopal Church.

PRINCE OF PEACE FRIENDS & FAMILY NIGHT WITH THE SCRANTON WILKES-BARRE YANKEES This event is sold out. Thirty-six of us will be attending the Yankees game on June 5th. If you ordered tickets please make the payment to Jennifer Martin in the church office.

CORPUS CHRISTI A regional Corpus Christi service will be held on June 11, 7 pm. Bishop Jack Croneberger will be officiating.